

## **CAPSULE SUMMARY**

**BA-0462**

**Coxes Store and Redmen's Hall**

**16516 Trenton Road**

**Upperco, Baltimore County**

**1855**

**Private**

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Coxes Store and Redmen's Hall is a vernacular, two-and-a-half-story wood frame building clad in weatherboard with a solid random rubble stone foundation. The building fronts south on a steep, low hill on the north side of Trenton Road, and a two-and-a-half-story, one-bay-deep wood frame ell extends to the north flush with the west elevation of the main block. One rebuilt stretcher bond brick interior chimney rises from the gable end of the main block. The first story openings were not visible at the time of survey due to a one-story, six-bay-wide screened porch with a shed roof that obscures the lower portion of the façade, or south elevation. Four 6/6 windows and one paneled single-leaf wood door pierce the façade's second story. Four historic buildings of wood frame construction are also located on the property. The first is a circa 1850 kitchen clad in weatherboard with a front gable roof clad in standing seam metal. An exterior stretcher bond brick chimney bisects the rear elevation. The building sits on a random rubble stone foundation. The chicken house and shed, both of which date to circa 1900, both feature random rubble stone foundations and shed roofs clad in standing seam metal. The chicken house is clad in German siding and pierced by two 1/1 windows and one 2/2 window. The shed, clad in board-and-batten siding, features two window openings. The garage, which dates to circa 1950, is a wood frame building clad in plywood siding with a front gable roof clad in standing seam metal. The wide vehicular doorway that pierces the façade has been boarded.

# Maryland Historical Trust

## Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. BA-0462

### 1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic

other Coxes Store and Redmen's Hall

### 2. Location

street and number 16516 Trenton Road not for publication

city, town Upperco vicinity

county Baltimore County

### 3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Charlotte V. Garnett

street and number 16516 Trenton Road telephone Not Available

city, town Upperco state MD zip code 21155

### 4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Baltimore County Courthouse liber 5264 folio 634

city, town Towson tax map 25 tax parcel 174 tax ID number 0507000190

### 5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District  
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District  
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register  
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register  
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER  
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT  
☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

### 6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	Contributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<input type="checkbox"/> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic	<input type="checkbox"/> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> structures
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<input type="checkbox"/> objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	
		<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	
		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	
		<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
		<input type="checkbox"/> social	
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	
		<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:	

Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory

1

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## 7. Description

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### Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

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Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

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## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science	
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> social history	
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:	

**Specific dates** 1855-present

**Architect/Builder** Unknown

**Construction dates** 1855

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register

☐ Maryland Register

☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

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As late as 1850, the village of Zoucksville included only a gristmill, sawmill, and the aforementioned store, all of which were operated by John C. and George Zouck.<sup>4</sup> Additionally, William Brooks had a residence to the north of the mill along Piney Run.<sup>5</sup> Between 1850 and 1877, the name of the village had changed from Zoucksville to Trenton and Trenton Road, the main route through the community, had been extensively developed with residences, barns, and other buildings needed for the survival of a small milling town.<sup>6</sup> Coxes Store and Redmen's Hall dates to this period of Trenton's history. By 1881, Trenton's population had reached 75, and the village included a public school, Methodist Episcopal Church, United Brethren Church, and a Lutheran Church. The Independent Order of Mechanics also established a lodge in the village.<sup>7</sup> The village continued to maintain only these few buildings and did not grow significantly through the early 20<sup>th</sup> century. The 1915 county atlas indicates confirms this lack of growth.<sup>8</sup> Trenton has retained its late 19<sup>th</sup> century character into the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

<sup>1</sup> J.C. Sidney, *Map of the City and County of Baltimore, Maryland, from Original Surveys* (Baltimore, MD: James M. Stephens, 1850).

<sup>2</sup> Baltimore County Historic Inventory.

<sup>3</sup> *Map of Baltimore County* (Philadelphia, PA: G. W. Bromley, 1915).

<sup>4</sup> Neal A. Brooks and Eric G. Rockel, *A History of Baltimore County* (Towson, MD: Friends of the Towson Library, Inc., 1979), p. 187.

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<sup>6</sup> *Atlas of Baltimore County, Maryland* (Philadelphia, PA: G. M. Hopkins, 1877).

<sup>7</sup> J. Thomas Scharf, *History of Baltimore City and County From the Earliest Period to the Present Day: Including Biographical Sketches of Their Representative Men* (Philadelphia, PA: Louis H. Everts, 1881. Reprinted by Higginson Book Company, Salem, MA), p. 869.

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property .10 Acre

Acreage of historical setting Unknown

Quadrangle name Hampstead

Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

### Verbal boundary description and justification

Since its construction in 1855, Coxes Store and Redmen's Hall has been associated with the 9.45 acres known as tax parcel 174 of map 25 located in the Baltimore County Tax Assessor's office.

## 11. Form Prepared by

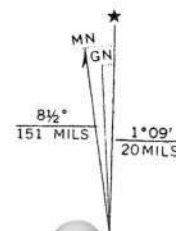
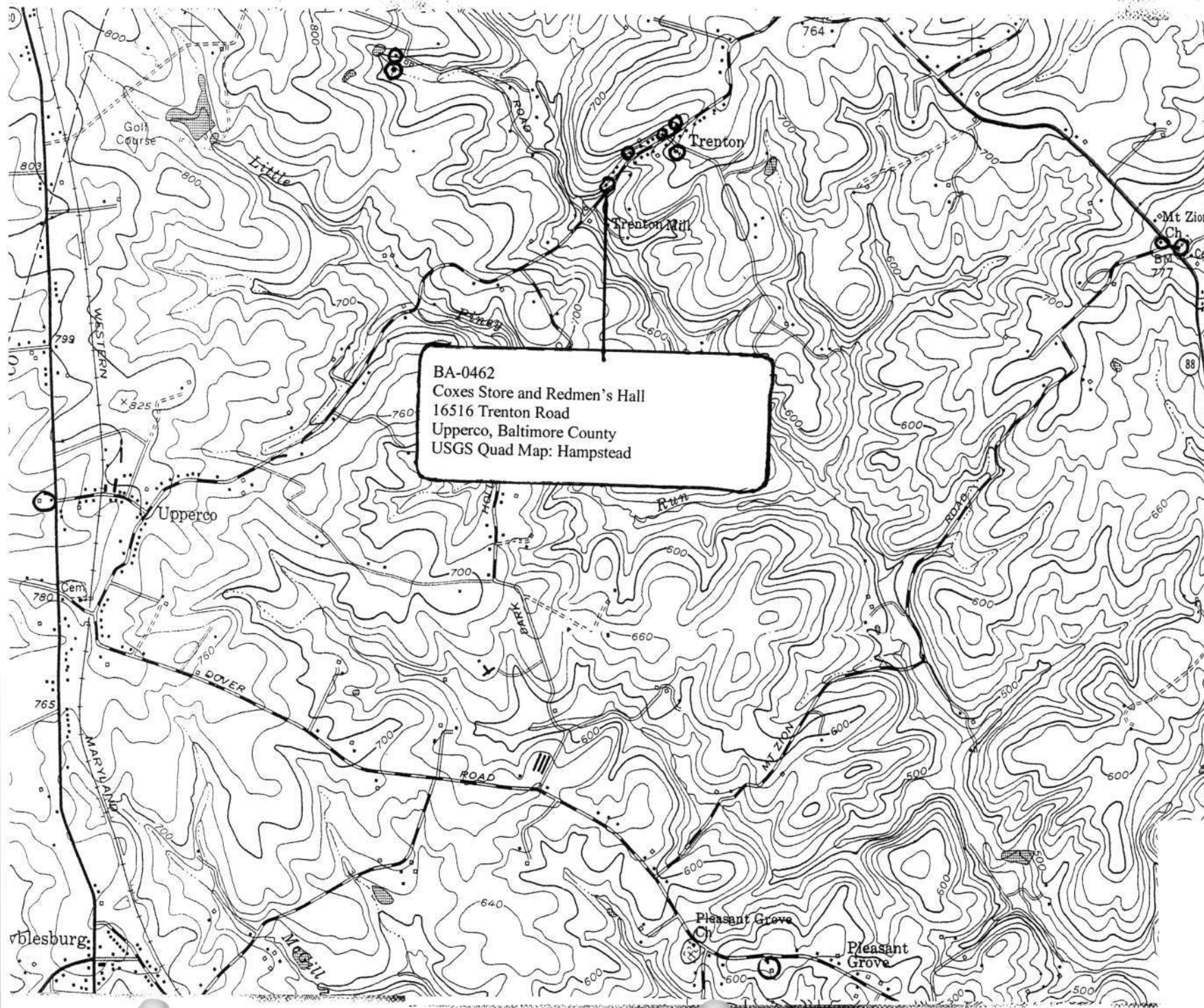
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**COXES STORE AND REDMEN'S HALL - 1850-65 -** North side of Trenton Road, 0.1 mile east of Trenton Mill Road. George C. Zouck sold the Store House Lot to Elizabeth Fowble in 1865. Shown in 1877 atlas as store of J.T. Martin, who had taken title in 1875. The fraternal order of Redmen met in the second-floor assembly area. Now a residence. Frame and clapboard building, six bays wide, hip-roofed, with full-width front porch, functional style. Painted green. At one time belonged to Mary Betts. Owner: Charlotte V. Garnett.